



ST JAMES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

St James Weekly for the week starting **December 11, 2022**

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**Masks are optional for all church activities.
Distancing is still a safer practice. Thanks!**

Recurring Schedule

Discussion Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

Join us as we discuss the season of Advent. Talk to Amma Diane if you have any questions.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on YouTube (video links are also shared on Facebook): go.mysjec.com/youtube
12/11 Third Sunday of Advent
12/18 Fourth Sunday of Advent
12/25 Christmas Day
1/1 New Year's Day—Christmas Hymn Sing
1/8 Epiphany 1—The Baptism of Our Lord
1/15 Epiphany 2—Remembering MLK Jr

Fellowship—Sundays at 11:15AM (in-person)

Please join us downstairs after worship each week for refreshments, snacks, and conversation. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week.

Mid-Week Worship—Wed at 4:30PM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Wednesday
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Friday
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Cards for Amma Diane

We encourage everybody to make their own expressions of thanks for Amma Diane's ministry with us at St James. We'll have a decorative box in the Sanctuary for those who would like to add cards for Amma Diane.

Help us spread holiday cheer!
Visit from St Nicholas on 12/11;
Cookie/treat donations needed by 12/11;
help us prepare deliveries on 12/11

Join us on Sunday 12/11 for a special fun day, and be sure to bring the kids/grandkids/friends along (Packers are off). 10AM Worship will include a special visit from St Nicholas who will share his story of his journey from bishop to a beloved Christmas hero.

Then, help us spread holiday cheer for the Advent and Christmas seasons! We'd like to once again prepare Christmas cookies/treats to distribute to all the households of our congregation. Our goal is to collect a total of about 65 dozen cookies, candies, and/or other holiday treats, as well as 65 cookie tins/holiday containers/bags to share. **Your donations of these items can be brought to church any time between now and December 11 and left on the counters in the church kitchen.** If you bring items early, please make sure they are labeled and wrapped to stay fresh until mid-December.

We need your help after 10AM Worship on Sunday, December 11 (the Packers are off) to help us sort and package the items. Volunteers can deliver to those who aren't at church on December 11, and those who are present can take their treats with them. We'll also have a letter from the Vestry and other materials on that date. If you have other questions, please contact Tony Karl.

Christmas Poinsettia donations by 12/11

Help make our Sanctuary extra special during the Christmas season. You may donate toward our Christmas poinsettias in honor/memory of your loved ones and cherished moments. Donations may be put in the offering plate or mailed to the church—include a note including any "in honor of", "in memory of", or "in celebration of" intentions. Please make donations and intentions by December 11.

Book Group 12/14 at 7PM (in-person/Zoom)

The St James Book Group is meeting in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 12/14 at 7PM. Contact Joan Estes or Chris Eggert-Rosenthal about the book of the month or if you have other questions. You do not have to have read the book to join in our discussions, so join us when you can.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

UPDATED! Amma Diane's farewell party 12/18

If you haven't signed up, do so no later than 12/11.

On Sunday, December 18, we will celebrate with a farewell party (Packers are off). Following 10AM Worship we'll all meet at the Harrigan Parkside Gathering Center 2 blocks away for a catered meal. We want everybody to have the opportunity to celebrate, so there will be no tickets/charge. **We need a head count, so please add your names on the sign-up sheet as soon as possible.**

We'll start with appetizers and a cash bar. At about 12:30 we'll have a sit-down meal including broasted chicken and vegetarian lasagna. We'll also include a special presentation. Things should wrap up around 1:30. St James will cover the cost of this event. Anybody who would like to help defray the costs can label their contribution "Farewell party".

Christmas Eve Worship 12/24 at 6:30PM;
Christmas Day Worship 12/25 at 10AM;
Christmas Hymn Sing Worship 1/1 at 10AM

Join us starting at 6:30PM on **Saturday 12/24** for a musical prelude celebrating Christ's birth. Anybody who'd like to sing or play a song is welcome to do so--talk to Worship Coordinator Tony Karl if you are interested or have questions. Worship begins at 7PM, with a Lessons & Carols format and festive music, ending with our Sanctuary softly glowing by candle light.

Gather for Amma Diane's last Sunday with St James, at 10AM on **Sunday 12/25**, as we celebrate Christmas one last time together.

Christmas Season lasts through Epiphany (1/6). 10AM Worship on **Sunday 1/1** will continue the celebration of Christ's birth with a Christmas hymn sing. Barb Cook will be on hand to tickle the ivories for this special celebration. Be ready to request your favorite Christmas songs from our blue *Hymnal 1982* book.

Would you like to be a Reader, Acolyte, and/or Eucharistic Minister? Let us know

Would you like to be part of our rotation of Readers, Acolytes, and/or Eucharistic Ministers? We are always happy to add new people to this ministry. If this is something that interests you, please talk to Worship Coordinator Tony Karl for more info. Let us know by December 12 if you'd like to be added to the schedule.

Volunteers needed: printing/mailling

One of the tasks that we'll need to cover when Amma Diane retires 12/31 is printing the worship bulletins in the church office and putting several in the mail. This is an important task that needs to happen on time every week, so we'll need one or more volunteers willing to commit to helping with this task. Amma Diane currently does this Sundays before worship, but this could also be done any time Friday or Saturday. Please talk to Worship Coordinator Tony Karl or Junior Warden Mary Green if you are interested in helping.. We'll work with volunteers to provide training and arrange a schedule. Thanks!



UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Geno, Bonnie, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven, Mary, Vicki, Matthew, Shelley, Mike, Brian M, Sharon, Karen K., Nancy J. Brad & Lizzie, Linda, Connie, Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Fred, Marian, Richard, Amma Diane, James B., Jenny M., Sean D., Connie, Janet, Amanda L., Leah, Carol & family.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Susie, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Joy's grandson.

Serving in the Military: Jordan, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Marshall, Jacob, Jack.

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Grace, Sheboygan; St. Anthony Mission District Madeu, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church in Kenya. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue taking place among them. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. People at the Warming Shelter. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to violence, racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat, may we help to keep food available to all.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and Bishop Osiward Mapika, 2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo.

We Pray for the Departed: Bill, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Deena, Shirley, Margaret & Leonard, Jack, Mary, Joe; and all who have died as a result of gun violence.

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 12/2 Todd Reckelberg, 12/4 Chris Couris, 12/11 Wyatt Franz, 12/20 Nancy Sim, 12/25 Sharon Meany, 12/28 Mary Kaufmann

Anniversaries: 12/18 Jack & Ruby Gunderson

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com).

Reverse Advent Calendar

Food insecurity and other needs remains high in Manitowoc County. Please join us for another Reverse Advent Calendar, collecting various items to donate to Peter's Pantry. Each week, collect items to donate and bring them to church. We'll gather them together in a designated area and watch our generosity grow. After December 18, we'll deliver the items. The list below are ideas for each day, but other non-perishables are always welcome! If you aren't able to shop for items, you could contribute a check payable to St James with the memo "Reverse Advent".

Monday, November 21 - box of cereal

Tuesday, November 22 - jar of peanut butter

Wednesday, November 23 - stuffing mix

Thursday, November 24 - boxed potatoes

Friday, November 25 - macaroni & cheese

Saturday, November 26 - can of fruit

Sunday, November 27 - deodorant

Monday, November 28 - can of tuna

Tuesday, November 29 - pudding cups or gelatin cups

Wednesday, November 30 - can of tomatoes

Thursday, December 1 - can of beans/legumes

Friday, December 2 - applesauce jar or cups

Saturday, December 3 - jar of jelly/jam/preserves

Sunday, December 4 - soap/body wash

Monday, December 5 - can of chicken

Tuesday, December 6 - box of crackers

Wednesday, December 7 - package of rice

Thursday, December 8 - package of oatmeal

Friday, December 9 - package of dry pasta

Saturday, December 10 - pasta sauce

Sunday, December 11 - hair care products

Monday, December 12 - can or bag soup mix

Tuesday, December 13 - bottle of juice

Wednesday, December 14 - can of vegetables

Thursday, December 15 - package of cookies

Friday, December 16 - tea bags or instant coffee

Saturday, December 17 - oral hygiene items